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By: Chavez

H.B. No. 2976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing cooperative agreements between local, state, and federal governments and the United Mexican States to promote economic development and heritage tourism near the Rio Grande.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle F, Chapter 481, Subchapter L, Section 481.172, Government Code is amended by adding subdivision (9) to read as follows:

(9) establish and oversee the duties of the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council as defined in Subchapter M.

SECTION 2. Subtitle F, Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

Subchapter M. Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council

481.500. Definitions

In this section:

(a) "historic property" means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure or object that is included on or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and/or otherwise recognized by the State of Texas or local jurisdiction within the state as being of historic or archeological significance to the heritage of the State of Texas.

1 (b) "natural or historical asset" means properties, locales,
2 collections, itineraries, vistas, landscapes, cultural phenomena,
3 geological formations, byways, trails, waterways, rivers and
4 streams that or, or might become, of unique, unusual or
5 pronounced interest to residents and visiting travelers and
6 tourists.

7 (c) "heritage tourism" means the business and practice of
8 attracting and accommodating visitors to a place or area based
9 especially upon the unique or special aspects of that locale's
10 history, landscape, trail systems, culture, parks and natural
11 preserves.

12 481.501. Duties

13 The Council shall:

14 1) Provide leadership in preserving historic properties and
15 developing the heritage tourism potentials of the border region
16 as defined by Sec. 481.001, Government Code, through cooperative
17 agreements with local jurisdictions, Native American governments,
18 and agencies of the United States federal government consistent
19 with Executive Order 13287, signed by President George W. Bush on
20 March 3, 2003.

21 2) Develop cooperative agreements with agencies of the
22 United Mexican States sharing the international boundary with
23 Texas for the purpose of advancing the protection, enhancement
24 and contemporary use of historic sites and natural assets
25 pertaining to the common heritage of the border region, as well

1 as develop mutually beneficial tourism development strategies.

2 3) Develop strategies designed to promote the use of the
3 internet in tourism promotion strategies by the State of Texas.

4 4) Designate a "Borderlands Heritage Corridor" composed of
5 the counties that make up the Texas-Mexico border as defined by
6 and Chapter 2056, Section 2056.002 (e)(3), and develop
7 itineraries and maps to guide tourists to the border region's
8 historic and nature sites.

9 5) Establish a training and licensing program for Border
10 Heritage Guides and Artisans to be administered by locally based
11 Heritage Guides and Artisans Cooperatives.

12 6) Coordinate public-private partnerships that invest in the
13 use, reuse and rehabilitation of historic properties or assets of
14 significant natural interest.

15 7) Identify specific opportunities for asset preservation
16 and heritage tourism development in conjunction with a state
17 sponsored trails system and the heritage sites and itineraries
18 identified by the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council.

19 8) Develop and coordinate local public-private partnerships
20 to facilitate heritage tourism in the Borderlands Heritage
21 Corridor.

22 9) Develop and publish a working list of existing public and
23 private funds available for nature and historical site
24 preservation projects.

25 10) Study the feasibility of working with state agencies,

1 universities, colleges and with private corporations to identify
2 cash and in-kind resources that can be offered as matching
3 contributories for projects overseen by the Borderlands Heritage
4 Tourism Council.

5 481.502. Selection of the Borderlands Heritage Tourism
6 Council.

7 (a) The Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council shall consist
8 of:

9 (1) one representative of the Governor, appointed by the
10 Governor.

11 (2) one representative of the Lt. Governor, appointed by the
12 Lt. Governor.

13 (3) one representative of the Secretary of State, appointed
14 by the Secretary of State;

15 (4) one representative of the Tourism Division of Texas
16 Economic Development;

17 (5) one representative from the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (6) one representative of the Texas Historical Commission,
21 appointed by the commissioner of the Texas Historical Commission;

22 (7) one representative of Texas Parks and Wildlife;

23 8) one representative of the Texas Department of
24 Transportation; and

25 (9) one representative from each Council of Government as

1 defined by Chapter 391, Sec. 391.003, Local Government Code, with
2 member jurisdictions within the border region appointed by each
3 Council of Government.

4 Section 481.503. Restrictions.

5 (a) No actions of the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council
6 shall interfere with rights of owners of private property.

7 (b) Nothing in this bill shall be construed to require or
8 encourage any agency or any other party to take any action or
9 disclose any information that would conflict with or compromise
10 national and state homeland security goals, policies, programs or
11 legally sanctioned activities.

12 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
13 is amended by adding Section 502.304 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 502.304. Preserve America's Borderland License Plates

15 (a) The department shall issue specially designed license
16 plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the
17 activities of the Border Heritage Tourism Council.

18 (b) The department shall issue license plates under this
19 section to a person who:

20 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the county
21 in which the person resides on a form provided by the
22 department; and

23 (2) pays a fee of \$50 for an original issuance of license
24 plates under this section or \$40 for a renewal of issuance of
25 license plates under this section, in addition to the fee
26 prescribed by Section 502.161 or 502.162, and, if personalized
27 prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee
28 prescribed by Section 502.251.

1 (c) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or mutilated
2 plate issued under this section is \$35, in addition to the fee
3 prescribed by Section 502.184(a).

4 (d) Of each fee collected under this section, \$5 may be used
5 to defray the cost of administering this section by the
6 department. The department shall deposit the remainder of each
7 fee collected under this section to the credit of an account in
8 the state treasury. Money in this account may be used only by the
9 Texas Department Economic Development for projects overseen by
10 the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council. The Texas Department of
11 Economic Development shall establish reporting and other
12 mechanisms necessary to ensure that the money is spent for
13 purposes for which it is dedicated.

14 (e) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section
15 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner
16 shall return the special license plates to the department.

18 SECTION 5. Title 7, Government Code, is amended by adding
19 Chapter 793 to read as follows:

20 (a) Working with the appropriate federal and local
21 jurisdictions with an interest in port of entry issues, the Texas
22 Department of Transportation shall develop recommendations for
23 the 79th Legislature to assert the state's interest in historical
24 and traditional border crossings so the crossing may be preserved
25 and may provide a regulated link for movement of people between

1 communities on both sides of the border.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect,
6 this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

By: Chavez, Gallego, Hilderbran, Solis

H.B. No. 2976

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2976:

By: Griggs

C.S.H.B. No. 2976

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the promotion of and funding for heritage tourism and economic development near the Texas-Mexico border.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter M to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M. BORDERLANDS HERITAGE TOURISM COUNCIL

Sec. 481.181. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Council" means the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council.

(2) "Heritage tourism" means tourism primarily based on a destination's history, landscape, trail systems, culture, parks, or natural preserves.

(3) "Historic property" means a district, site, building, structure, or object that is included on or meets the criteria for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places or that is otherwise recognized by this state or a political subdivision of this state as having historical, prehistorical, or archaeological significance to the heritage of this state.

(4) "Natural or historical asset" means a locale, collection, itinerary, vista, landscape, cultural phenomenon, geological formation, byway, trail, waterway, or other property that is or that might become of unique, unusual, or pronounced interest to a resident or tourist of the area near the asset.

1 Sec. 481.182. ESTABLISHMENT. The department shall
2 establish and administer the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council.

3 Sec. 481.183. COUNCIL MEMBERS. The council consists of:

4 (1) one representative of the governor, appointed by
5 the governor;

6 (2) one representative of the lieutenant governor,
7 appointed by the lieutenant governor;

8 (3) one representative of the secretary of state,
9 appointed by the secretary of state;

10 (4) one representative of the tourism division of the
11 department, appointed by the governing board of the department;

12 (5) one member of the public, appointed by the
13 governor after consultation with the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;

15 (6) one representative of the Texas Historical
16 Commission, appointed by the Texas Historical Commission;

17 (7) one representative of the Parks and Wildlife
18 Department, appointed by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

19 (8) one representative of the Texas Department of
20 Transportation, appointed by the Texas Transportation Commission;
21 and

22 (9) one representative from each regional planning
23 commission established under Chapter 391, Local Government Code, by
24 a municipality or county located in the border region, appointed by
25 the governor after consultation with each regional planning
26 commission.

27 Sec. 481.184. COUNCIL DUTIES. The council shall:

1 (1) provide leadership in preserving historic
2 property and developing the potential for heritage tourism of the
3 border region through cooperative agreements with local
4 governments, Native American governments, and federal agencies
5 consistent with Executive Order 13287, as published in the March 5,
6 2003, Federal Register;

7 (2) develop cooperative agreements with agencies of
8 the United Mexican States, or agencies of states of the United
9 Mexican States that border Texas, to:

10 (A) advance the protection, enhancement, and
11 contemporary use of historic property and natural or historical
12 assets pertaining to the common heritage of the border region; and

13 (B) develop mutually beneficial tourism
14 development strategies;

15 (3) develop strategies to encourage the use of the
16 Internet to promote tourism in this state;

17 (4) designate as a borderlands heritage corridor the
18 counties of the Texas-Mexico border region, as that term is defined
19 by Section 2056.002(e), and develop itineraries and maps to guide
20 tourists to the Texas-Mexico border region's historic property and
21 natural or historical assets;

22 (5) assist locally based border heritage guides and
23 artisans cooperatives in establishing training and certification
24 programs for Borderlands Heritage Tourism guides and artisans;

25 (6) facilitate public-private partnerships to invest
26 in the use, reuse, and rehabilitation of historic properties or
27 natural or historical assets;

1 (7) on the recommendation of a local government,
2 identify specific opportunities for the preservation of natural or
3 historical assets and for the development of heritage tourism, in
4 conjunction with a state-sponsored trails system and the heritage
5 sites and itineraries identified by the council;

6 (8) develop and coordinate local public-private
7 partnerships to facilitate heritage tourism in the borderlands
8 heritage corridor identified under Subdivision (4);

9 (9) develop and publish a working list of existing
10 public and private funds available for historic property and
11 natural or historical asset preservation projects;

12 (10) study the feasibility of working with state
13 agencies, universities, and colleges and with private corporations
14 to identify cash and in-kind resources that can be offered as
15 matching contributions for projects overseen by the council; and

16 (11) provide technical assistance to local
17 governments in rural areas of the border region in:

18 (A) information technology training;

19 (B) Internet website construction and
20 management; and

21 (C) public relations consistent with available
22 funds.

23 Sec. 481.185. INTERFERENCE WITH PROPERTY RIGHTS
24 PROHIBITED. The council may not interfere with rights of owners of
25 private property.

26 Sec. 481.186. CERTAIN ACTION OR DISCLOSURE NOT REQUIRED.
27 This subchapter does not require or encourage a person to take any

1 action or disclose any information that would conflict with or
2 compromise national or state homeland security goals, policies,
3 programs, or legally sanctioned activities.

4 Sec. 481.187. REVENUE RESTRICTIONS. This subchapter does
5 not authorize the encumbrance of revenue generated by a municipal
6 or county hotel occupancy tax.

7 Sec. 481.188. MEETINGS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. Each year,
8 the council shall hold at least five public meetings in the border
9 region for local governments and local stakeholders in heritage
10 tourism of the border region to hear reports from the state officers
11 and agencies with representatives serving on the council. At each
12 meeting, the state officers and agencies shall reveal specific
13 plans and projects to be undertaken within the local governments
14 and receive specific recommendations from the local governments and
15 tourism industry representatives.

16 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
17 is amended by adding Section 502.300 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 502.300. PRESERVE AMERICA'S BORDERLAND LICENSE
19 PLATES. (a) The department may issue specially designed license
20 plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the
21 activities of the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council.

22 (b) If the department issues license plates under this
23 section, the department shall design the license plates in
24 consultation with the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council.

25 (c) If the department issues license plates under this
26 section, the department shall issue the license plates to a person
27 who:

1 (1) applies to the county tax assessor-collector of
2 the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the
3 department; and

4 (2) pays a fee of \$50 for an original issuance of
5 license plates under this section or \$40 for a renewal of issuance
6 of license plates under this section, in addition to the fee
7 prescribed by Section 502.161 or 502.162, and, if personalized
8 prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee
9 prescribed by Section 502.251.

10 (d) The fee for replacement of a lost, stolen, or mutilated
11 plate issued under this section is \$35, in addition to the fee
12 prescribed by Section 502.184(a).

13 (e) Of each fee collected under this section, \$8 may be used
14 to defray the cost of administering this section by the department.
15 The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected
16 under this section to the credit of an account in the state
17 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas
18 Department of Economic Development for projects overseen by the
19 Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council. The Texas Department of
20 Economic Development shall establish reporting and other
21 mechanisms necessary to ensure that the money is spent for purposes
22 for which it is dedicated.

23 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section
24 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner
25 shall return the special license plates to the department.

26 SECTION 3. The Texas Department of Transportation shall
27 work with federal and local authorities that have an interest in

1 port of entry issues to develop recommendations for the legislature
2 to assert the state's interest in historical and traditional border
3 crossings, so that the crossings may be preserved and may provide a
4 regulated link for the movement of people between the communities
5 on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border. The Texas Department of
6 Transportation shall deliver these recommendations to the
7 legislature not later than December 1, 2004.

8 SECTION 4. The Texas Department of Economic Development
9 shall establish the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council under
10 Subchapter M, Chapter 481, Government Code, as added by this Act, on
11 or before September 1, 2003.

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORT

April 17, 2003

(date)

The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON BORDER AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

to whom was referred H.B. 2976 have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- ☐ do pass, without amendment.
☐ do pass, with amendment(s).
☒ do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.
☒ yes ☐ no A fiscal note was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no An equalized educational funding impact statement was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no An actuarial analysis was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A tax equity note was requested.
☐ The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor _____

Joint Sponsors: _____ / _____ / _____

Co-Sponsors: _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Chavez, Chair	x			
Griggs, Vice-chair	x			
Canales	x			
Castro	x			
Merritt	x			
Rangel				
Riddle	x			

Total 6 aye
 0 nay
 0 present, not voting
 0 absent


CHAIR

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2976

By: Chavez

Border and International Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas is the second most visited state in the nation. According to the Senate Subcommittee on Border Affairs Interim Report to the 78th Legislature, travel spending in 2000 added \$40.4 billion to the state's economy and \$2.6 billion to state taxes. The report states that Mexican visitors account for a large portion of those visiting the state and that 70% of all international visitors to the state are Mexican tourists. Bird watchers from all over the world spend over \$100 million annually in South Texas. Given its proximity to Mexico, the border could gain from the economic stimulus associated with heritage and nature tourism. In addition, President Bush has indicated his support of tourism development through Executive Order 13287, Preserve America, signed on March 3, 2003.

C.S.H.B. 2976 would establish a Borderland Heritage Tourism Council under the Texas Economic Development to provide state leadership in preserving the historic properties and developing the heritage tourism of the border region.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. C.S.H.B. 2976 amends the Government Code to require Texas Economic Development (the department) to establish and administer the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council (council). C.S.H.B. 2976 provides for the appointment and composition of the council. The bill sets forth certain duties and responsibilities for the council. In addition, the bill prohibits the council from interfering with the rights of owners of property and does not require or encourage a person to take any action or disclose any information which would conflict with or compromise national and state homeland security goals, policies, programs or legally sanctioned activities. The bill also provides that this subchapter does not authorize the encumbrance of revenue generated by a municipal or county hotel occupancy tax. The bill requires and provides for the council to hold at least five public meetings in the border region for local governments and local stakeholders.

SECTION 2. C.S.H.B. 2976 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the activities of the council. The bill provides for fees to be levied for the original issuance, renewal and replacement of these license plates and sets forth provisions for the deposit and use of the fees collected.

SECTION 3. C.S.H.B. 2976 requires the Texas Department of Transportation to work with federal and local authorities that have an interest in port of entry issues to develop recommendations for the 79th Legislature, and to deliver them not later than December 1, 2004, to assert the state's interest in historical and traditional border crossings, so that the crossing may be preserved and may provide a regulated link for movement of people between communities on both side of the border.

SECTION 4. C.S.H.B. 2976 requires the Texas Department of Economic Development to develop the council on or before September 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage or, if this Act does not receive the necessary vote, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. The substitute amends the original by altering the composition and the duties of the council. The substitute also adds language clarifying that this subchapter does not authorize the encumbrance of revenue generated by a municipal or county hotel occupancy tax and language requiring the council to hold public meetings with local governments.

SECTION 2. The substitute amends the original by authorizing, rather than requiring, the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the activities of the council. The substitute also increases from \$5 to \$8 the amount that the department may use to defray the cost of administering the program.

The substitute also amends the original by making non-substantive technical changes.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 2976

April 9, 2003 8:00AM

Considered in public hearing
Amendment(s) considered in committee
Committee substitute considered in committee
Testimony taken in committee (See attached witness list.)
Left pending in committee

April 17, 2003 upon final adjourn./recess

Considered in formal meeting
Committee substitute considered in committee
Reported favorably as substituted

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WITNESS LIST

HB 2976
HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
Border and International Affairs Committee

April 9, 2003 - 8:00AM

For: Fain, Tyrus (Rio Grande Institute & The Public Policy
Information Fund)
Wright, Jerry (Self)

On: Peel, David (Texas Economic Development)

Registering, but not testifying:

For: De Lafuente, Veronica (Cameron County Judges Office,
County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa)
Duran, Arturo (Lower Valley Water District, Health &
Environment Development Committee)
Garcia, Joe (Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition)
Kastrin, Deborah (County of El Paso)

Committee Substitute (Chavez)

Against: Davidson, Michael (Brewster County Commissioner's Court
and Tourism Council)

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 18, 2003

TO: Honorable Norma Chavez, Chair, House Committee on Border and International Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2976 by Chavez (Relating to the promotion of and funding for heritage tourism and economic development near the Texas-Mexico border.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Economic Development (TDED) to establish and oversee the duties of the Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council (Council) to promote economic development and heritage tourism within Texas counties along or near the border region of Texas and Mexico. The Council would consist of one representative of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and from the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Council would also consist of one person from TDED, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and one person from each from applicable Council of Governments. The provisions of the bill require the Council to hold five public meetings in the border region each year.

The provisions of the bill require TxDOT to issue "Preserve America's Borderland" specialty plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the activities of the Council. In addition, the provisions require TxDOT to work with appropriate federal and local jurisdictions to develop recommendations for the 79th Legislature to preserve historical and traditional border crossings. No significant fiscal implication is anticipated due to the estimated number of license plate issuances.

TDED indicates it could absorb the costs associated within current resources.

Because the legislation would create a dedicated revenue account in the General Revenue Fund, the account included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current legislature.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 333 Office of State-Federal Relations, 480 Texas Department of Economic Development, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: JK, JO, EB, RT, DE

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 8, 2003

TO: Honorable Norma Chavez, Chair, House Committee on Border and International Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2976 by Chavez (Relating to authorizing cooperative agreements between local, state, and federal governments and the United Mexican States to promote economic development and heritage tourism near the Rio Grande.), **As Introduced**

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LBB Staff: JK, JO, EB, RT, DE

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Bill or Resolution Number:

HB2976

JOINT AUTHOR AUTHORIZATION

As primary author of HB2976 I hereby authorize the following joint author(s):
(bill or resolution #)

Pete Gallego

printed name of joint author #1

Pete Gallego

signature of joint author #1

APR 17 2003

Harvey Hilderbrand

printed name of joint author #2

Harvey Hilderbrand

signature of joint author #2

APR 22 2003

Jim Solis

printed name of joint author #3

Jim Solis

signature of joint author #3

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printed name of joint author #4

signature of joint author #4

Norma Chavez

signature of primary author

4/1/03

date

JT Author/
Transp Bill

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By

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Border and International Affairs

MAR 27 2003

Read first time and referred to Committee on

APR 17 2003

Reported favorably (~~unanimously~~)
(as substituted)

APR 23 2003

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)

(~~House of Representatives~~)

Read second time (comm. subst.) (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting)

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend)
by a vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting

Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed to pass) by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of yeas, nays, present, not voting)

Engrossed

Sent to Senate

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

Received from the House

Read and referred to Committee on

Reported favorably

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(yeas, nays)

Read second time, , and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(yeas, nays)

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of yeas, nays

Read third time, , and passed by (a viva voce vote)
(yeas, nays)

Returned to the House

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

OTHER SENATE ACTION:

_____ Returned from the Senate (as substituted)
(with amendments)

_____ House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

_____ Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____, _____

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

_____ Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays)